

DVNF NEWSLETTER

Dear DVNF Community,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community, and the resilience of our veterans. We are proud to share with you the significant milestones and programs that have marked our journey in serving those who have served us.



GRAB N' GO EVENT

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Padre Pio Foundation's \$150,000 donation, we hosted the Grab & Go Event in May 2023, where we were able to provide Health and Comfort kits and over \$24,000 in VISA gift cards to veterans in need. The Health and Comfort Program is designed to address the immediate needs of disabled veterans, providing them with essential items and resources for a better quality of life.



These kits, filled with personal care items, clothing, and comfort essentials, have made a tangible difference in the lives of our deserving heroes. This event, held at the Newington Connecticut VA Medical Hospital, provided hot food, complimentary shirts and socks, and Health and Comfort kits to over 450 veterans through a walk-up and drive-thru experience.



VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR



The November 2022 Annual Veterans Resource Fair exceeded all expectations, leaving an indelible mark as a resounding success. This extraordinary event brought together a myriad of essential resources aimed at assisting our honored veterans. From facilitating access to suitable housing and invaluable VA benefits to offering a wide range of additional support services, the fair encompassed a comprehensive array of assistance. We extend our deepest gratitude to the 38 generous sponsors whose unwavering support made this event possible. Serving as a beacon of hope and solidarity, the fair served to remind our veterans that they are not alone on their journey.



GRANTS TO PROVIDE STABILITY (GPS) PROGRAM

Our GPS program continues to empower disabled veterans by addressing their immediate financial needs. We understand that financial stability is crucial for veterans to rebuild their lives, and through the GPS program, we provide grants to assist with essential expenses such as housing, utilities, and transportation.

Since the program began in 2023, we served 47 veterans under the GPS program. In total, we provided over \$42,366.00 in financial support to our disabled and at-risk veterans. We are proud to share their stories of resilience and the impact our programs have had on their lives.

Testimony from Matthew Andis:

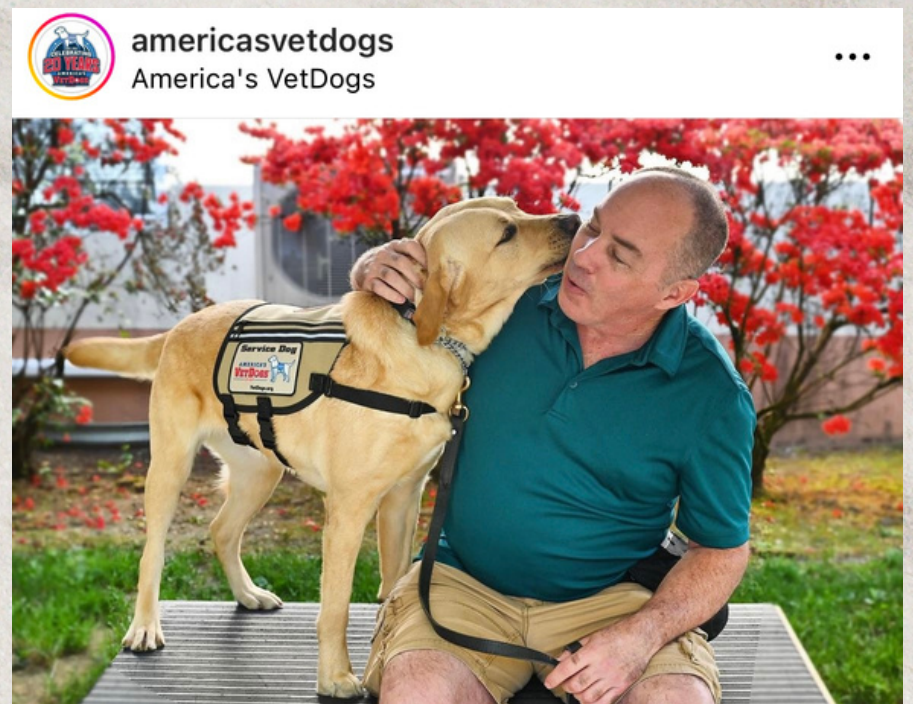


“ We were recommended by a fellow Veteran during my surgery at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, WV. After doing some research, we decided to apply. The process was fairly easy. Our family hasn't recovered since the pandemic and health issues. We are very thankful for the organization and donors. This will help us get back on track with the utilities. We have been paying extra each month to stay in our home. The GPS program is going to help us get back on track with our two main utilities and mortgage payment. We have never recovered since the pandemic. This means the world to us and our four children. The process was fairly easy, and the staff was helpful. It asked for basic income information and a brief statement of our situation.”

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM

DVNF believes in the power of collaboration and other non-profit veteran support organizations through our Capacity Building Grant (CBG) program. We have awarded grants totaling over \$357,000 to 25 deserving organizations in 2023. These grants enable them to enhance their programs and expand their reach, creating lasting positive change in the lives of disabled veterans. We would like to recognize and commend the following organizations for their impactful work:

- Warriors on the Way
- VLMC Charities
- Veterans Alternative, Inc. DBA Warrior Wellness Program
- Veterans Resilience Project Inc
- Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio
- Assistance Dogs of the West
- Brighter Way Institute
- Brow and Housing Solutions
- Central Oregon Veteran Ranch



- Central Union Mission
- Clear Path for Veterans Inc
- Community Rowing Inc
- Continue Mission
- Dreams on Horseback
- Fathers and Mothers who Care
- Habits for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Inc

- Mercy Housing Lakefront
- Mercy Medical Angels
- Oklahoma Dental Foundation for Research and Education
- Project Sanctuary
- Soldiers Angels
- Stable Strides
- The Veteran K-9 Corps (America's Vet Dogs)
- Trustees of Tufts College



MISSION POSSIBLE

PROGRAM

ALL LIFE CHANGES CAN BE MANAGED
MIND. BODY. SPIRIT.

Last but not least, we launched the Mission Possible Program, a free, self-paced online course for veterans, first responders, and their family members. This program, designed in collaboration with Dr. Marty Rossman, has provided invaluable self-care tools for well-being and mental health. To learn more about our Mission Possible Program, go to DVNF.org/mind-body-spirit-course/

MISSION POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS BY GROUP:

1. US ARMY Veteran	451
2. USN Veteran	195
3. USAF Veteran	165
4. Veterans Family Member	94
5. USMC Veteran	89
6. First Responders	14
7. USCG Veteran	14
Grand total	1,011

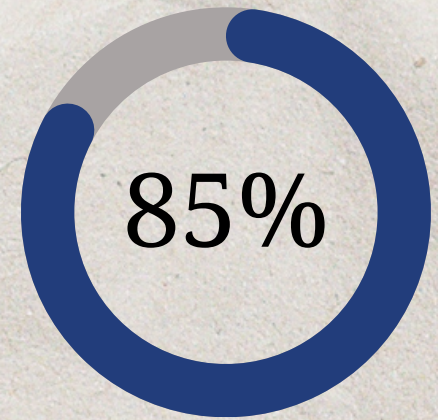
SOME TESTIMONIALS FROM MISSION POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS



Participants that are being able to experience more relaxation and mindfulness with Mission Possible.



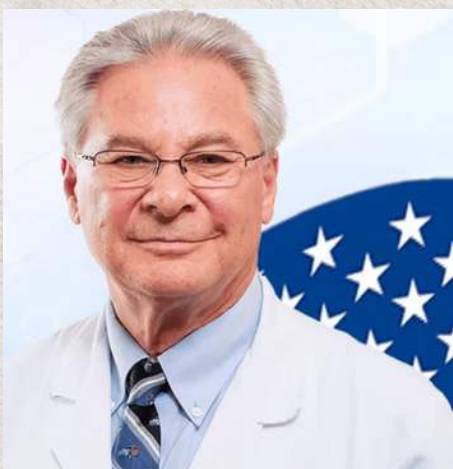
Participants that would use Mission Possible techniques to help themselves dial down worry, stress and anxiety.



Participants that would recommend this course to others.

MEET DR. MARTY

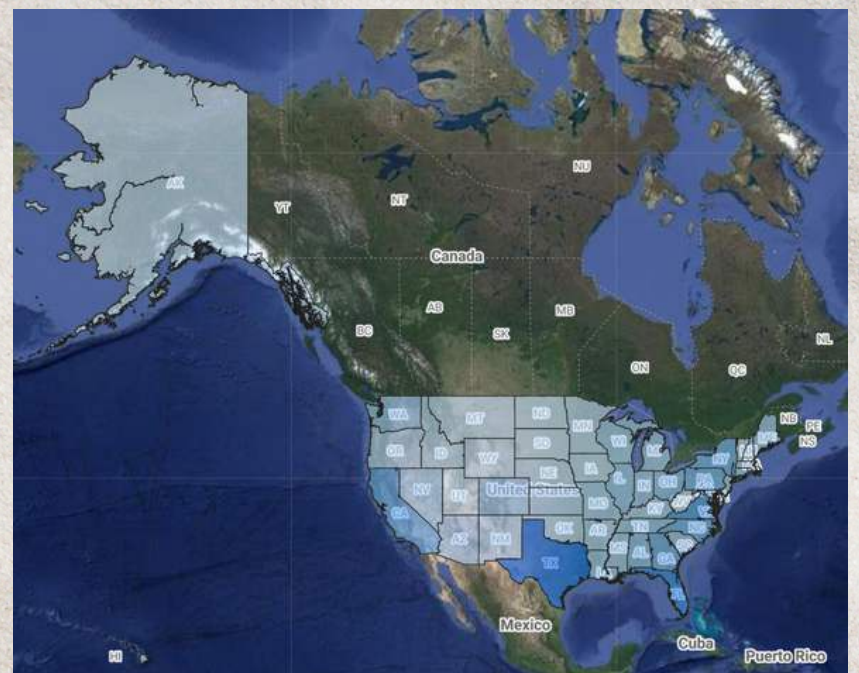
Physician, author, speaker, researcher, and consultant Dr. Rossman founded The Healing Mind to raise awareness about the power of high-quality Mind-Body self-care tools in health professions.



ROSSMAN

A graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School in 1969, he has had a long-standing interest in the practical importance of attitudes, beliefs, emotions, and Mind Body practices in medicine and health.

In addition to a busy practice emphasizing non-drug medicine and patient participation, he has taught mind/body self-healing methods to over 10,000 health professionals and hundreds of thousands of people through his talks, writings, recordings, PBS specials, and online courses.



We have Mission Possible Participants in every State of the US.

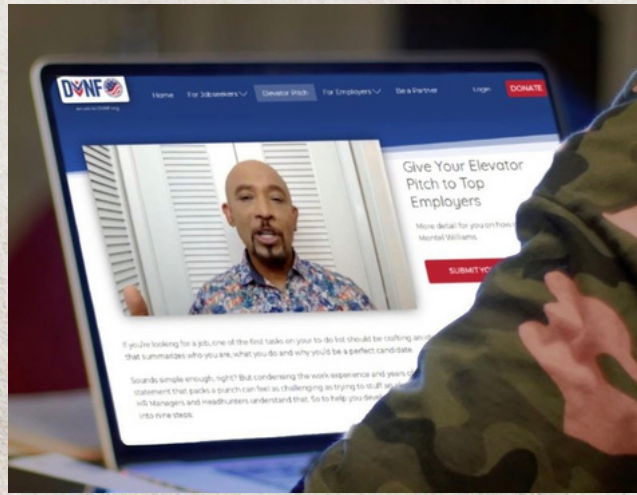
PIKES PEAK FUNDRAISER

Last year on August 13th, "Team DVNF" pedaled up America's most iconic mountain, Pikes Peak, biking up to the 14,115' summit in the always difficult "Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit." Because of your donations, we were able to raise \$27,990 at this event. Thanks to the funds generated, the DVNF (Disabled Veterans National Foundation) established a groundbreaking partnership with Dr. Marty Rossman, resulting in the creation of the Mission Possible Program. This collaboration has enabled us to offer personalized, three-month mental health programs directly to our nation's heroes, completely free of charge.



NATIONAL JOB BOARD

We are excited to introduce our newly designed National Job Board, a groundbreaking platform that connects disabled veterans with a wide range of employment opportunities.



Recognizing the importance of meaningful employment in veterans' lives, our aim through the National Job Board is to provide them with the necessary resources and connections to thrive in their careers.



WITH MONTEL WILLIAMS

Montel Williams has been an exceptional supporter of our Annual Resource Fair, and we are immensely grateful for his unwavering dedication to empowering disabled veterans.

WAYS TO SUPPORT DVNF

As we look forward to the coming year, we invite you to continue supporting our mission in the following ways:

Give Monthly: Join the Force Multiplier monthly giving program to support programs like Health & Comfort and grant-making for disabled veterans.

Planned Giving: Consider making a planned gift to DVNF through your will or estate to support their mission beyond your lifetime.

Corporate Partnership: If your company shares a passion for helping veterans, consider becoming a corporate sponsor of DVNF.

Donate in Honor/Memory: Make a donation in honor or memory of a veteran and add their name to the DVNF Honor Wall- Thank a Vet: Leave a message of thanks and gratitude to veterans on the DVNF website.

Thank you for being a part of the DVNF community. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our veterans.